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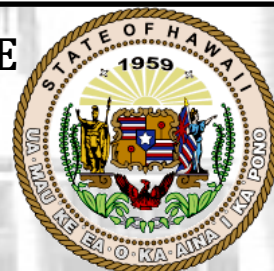
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## Mililani-Waipio Gentry Community Report · September 2008

*Aloha,*

This was a very busy month for all of us in the Mililani and Waipi'o communities. We were thrilled to be represented by an excellent group of young boys who became World Champions in Little League baseball and shared with them our sense of 'ohana and aloha by celebrating their achievements in Mililani, Waipi'o Gentry, and Honolulu. I was honored to be invited to celebrate along with our World Champs. I wish them luck as they return to their normal routines with their families and return to school.

I have also been in contact with the state Department of Transportation on the reconstruction and resurfacing of the H2 Freeway Mililani Interchange. I am aware of the inaccessibility, traffic disruption and inconvenience this roadwork caused to many residents. Beginning the week of September 21-26, DOT will start nighttime (9pm-5am) weekday roadwork to reduce these inconveniences to Mililani commuters. Currently, DOT informed me that roadwork is planned to continue until December 2008. This work is a complete rehabilitation of the roadway which is highly fatigued. Certain H-2 areas of Mililani and Waipi'o, will be fully reconstructed, replaced, and resurfaced since they have not received much work over the past 40 years. The Kipapa Bridge will likewise be resurfaced.

This month the State Budget Director projected a \$900 million state budget deficit by June 2010 to the Governor. As of now the Governor plans to cut all departments' budgets, I will be attending many meetings with my colleagues in the legislature in the upcoming weeks to review various economic forecasts for Hawaii's economy and tourism industry.

I am dedicated to working hard to serve you. Please feel free to contact me anytime by phone, fax, or email and mahalo for your continued support.

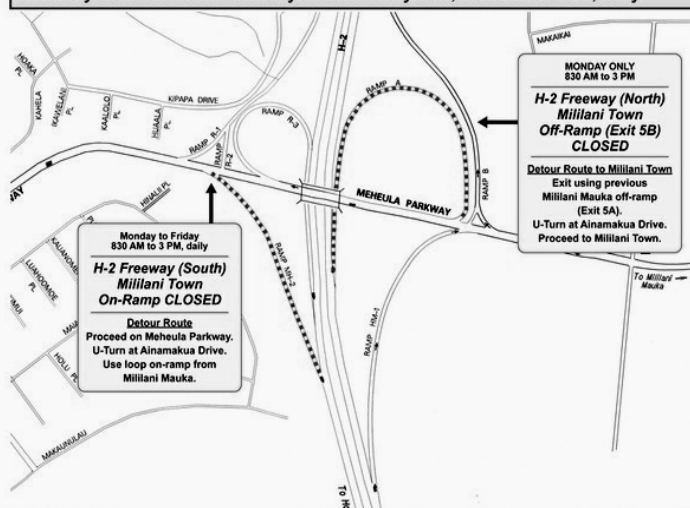
*With Warmest Aloha,*

*Ryan Yamane*



The Mililani and Waipio communities were able to celebrate their World Champs at the Waipio Gentry McDonalds on Ka Uka Blvd on September 13th. The players signed free autographs and received generous donations from McDonalds Hawaii.

**Weekday Lane Closures: Monday 9/22 to Friday 9/26, 8:30 AM to 3 PM, daily**



DAY WORK

H-2 Freeway Mililani Interchange Rehabilitation

A map of the daytime roadwork for the week of Sep. 22-26 from 8:30am-3:00pm. You can find updated roadwork maps at :

**[www.hawaii.gov/dot/mililani](http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/mililani)**

## Mililani Community Leaders Learn of Army Aviation

On July 31st, the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade invited me to attend a community open house. At the open house, Army pilots and officials briefed local community leaders neighboring Wheeler Army Airfield of their operations, daily routines, aircraft, and missions in Hawaii.

This open house enabled me, fellow guests and leaders of the community to understand aviation training missions, and the stringent guidelines aviators are striving to meet, especially in response to loud noise complaints, and maintaining proper altitude in flight.



Learning about the OF-58D Kiowa "Warrior" Helicopter, US Army at the 25th Aviation Brigade's Community Open House

## DOE Proposes \$31.5M in Budget Cuts

The Dept. of Education's Superintendent released her proposal of DOE budget cuts in response to Governor Lingle's request for all state departments to cut budgets by at least 10% to 20%.

According to the Superintendent, the \$31.5M is the total cost of a 10% budget cut back. In this proposed budget cut, an estimated 165 jobs affected, with only a third of them vacant. Superintendent Hamamoto did not communicate what would happen to the two-thirds of occupied jobs or of how their release would be handled.

Other affected areas in cutbacks are a \$2M cutback in science textbooks and materials, \$1.8M in charter schools' student services coordinators, \$924,100 in speech pathologists, \$500,000 in Advanced Placement teacher training and materials among many other cuts.

### PROVIDE PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENT

A full listing of budget cuts can be found at DOE's website:

- [http://doe.k12.hi.us/news/budget/reductions\\_newproposed.htm](http://doe.k12.hi.us/news/budget/reductions_newproposed.htm)

**DOE is asking for public feedback before the Monday, September 29 deadline at 5:00pm.** I urge those with concerns about this budget proposal to comment on the DOE's public comment website at:

- <http://doe.k12.hi.us/news/budget/>.  
(To leave a comment, select the "your input" link on the left-hand side of your screen. )

The DOE will be proposing this budget to the Board of Education on Thursday, October 2nd.

## Men Rally Against Domestic Violence

Hawaii Catholic Charities and the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu organized a rally of men to march against recent and future acts of domestic violence.

I was honored to be invited to join in this noble cause. I found it extremely important that men voice against domestic violence due to multiple and recent acts of domestic violence locally in our communities.

If you or someone you know are in a crisis situation like domestic violence, please contact the **Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence** at **841-0822** immediately.



With Vicar General, Fr. Marc Alexander (left) and Bishop Larry Silva (behind me) of the Hawaii Catholic Diocese .

## K-1 Mixed Martial Arts World Championship Event Held in Hawaii

Earlier this month, Hawaii's own Yokozuna Sumo Champion Akebono met with me and my colleague, Senator Nishihara, over integrating K-1 Mixed Martial Arts Sports in Hawaii.

K-1, a world-wide Mixed Martial Arts sport, seeks the single best Mixed Martial Arts player of the world. Players from all over the world fight to become the champion.

Akebono, a former player of K-1, promoted Hawaii as a destination to hold these K-1 semifinals events. The sport typically is broadcasted to 135 countries, and is very popular in Asia, and Europe.

I was invited to see K-1 sports and to also recognize Akebono for his efforts to promote Hawaii in sports tourism.